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In re Patent Application of ) Group Art Unit: 2764  
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For: CHARGING SYSTEM AND ) **AMENDMENT**  
CHARGING METHOD )  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 28, 1999, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

1. (Twice Amended) A charging system for electronic commerce, which comprises a service provider terminal for providing service to a user via a network in response to a request from a user terminal, the system charging a user a fee corresponding to said service, comprising:  
a charge collection terminal for collecting a fee from said user, which fee is reflected by said service provided by said service provider terminal,